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Subject: Clean Energy Systems: Request for a Meeting to discuss CES technology and EJ outreach efforts
Attachments: RE: Connecting Leadership Counsel and Clean Energy Systems; RE: Clean Energy Systems: Carbon-Negative Electricity Projects in the Central Valley; Re: Clean Energy Systems: Carbon Negative Energy (BECCS) Project Update; Clean Energy Systems: Carbon-Negative Electricity Projects in the Central Valley; CES_Carbon Negative Energy-An Opportunity for CA_GHC 14oct2019_final.pdf

Importance: High

Hi Martha,

I writing to request a meeting with you, Tomas Torres, and David Albright, ideally at our offices in Sacramento (Rancho Cordova), to discuss our oxy-combustion technology that enables carbon removal BECCS projects, Hydrogen-Oxygen Energy Storage, and water production, in each case without atmospheric emissions. I believe we were both at a Green Hydrogen Council in Sacramento in October 2019, where key stakeholders came together for an all-day session on green hydrogen and addressing climate change. I was one of two speakers with near-term projects, and used the attached short presentation. Slides 11 and 14 address the benefits to the state, and to the local communities. Slide 16 summarizes the environmental impact of removing CO2 from the atmosphere and eliminating criteria pollutants.

We would like to meet to provide an overview on our activities, and to specifically seek support in communicating with some NGOs and Environmental Justice groups that we have reached out to in the past. We have actively engaged for the last several years with various communities and EJ groups in the Central Valley and beyond. Most support the projects we're working on, some engage in discussions to learn more, and we have been unable to talk to two in particular. We've had positive discussions from the national NGOs advocating carbon removal or carbon capture to address climate change, including NRDC, Sierra Club, Carbon 180, Earth Justice, and Energy Futures Initiative. We've briefed practically every state agency (CalGem, CARB, CEC, GoBiz, etc), have participated in SJVAPCD workshops on ag waste burning, and have talked to county and cities where we may have projects.

We have focused on valley EJ groups as well, and have communicated with the Association of Irrigated Residents, the Central Valley Air Quality Coalition (email attached), and when the Center for Biological Diversity was quoted in an article on a possible project in Delano, we reached out to them and have had a productive exchange.

There are two groups we've attempted to reach, without success. During a public presentation on another project last fall, The Central California Environmental Justice Network (CCEJN) was concerned about CO2 pipelines and air emissions of criteria pollutants. We reached out twice, with the emails attached, to clarify and explain the project concept, but without any response. We also have reached out to the Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability, but did not hear back from them. That email is also attached. We would appreciate any guidance or assistance that you can provide, so we can engage directly with these groups, with a view to listen, educate, inform, discuss concerns, and include everyone as we move forward. That's certainly what we have tried to do for the last five years.

We are a small clean energy company and all but one of us live in the Central Valley, from Bakersfield to Rocklin. We are committed to addressing climate change, criteria pollutants from power plants and agricultural activities, and have solutions to provide needed potable water to the valley.

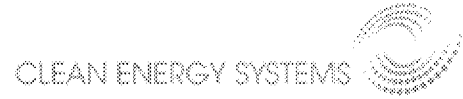
With this background, we would like to meet in person or virtually, to provide an overview on CES (and only CES) activities, our future plans, and as importantly, our outreach efforts. We know not everyone will be supportive in the end, but we also know these challenging problems must be solved, and we collectively have failed to date.

Please feel free to contact me, and I do hope we can discuss in the very near future.

Best Regards,

Keith

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